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TASS: SOVIET BUILDING IN DAMASCUS BOMBED

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(BARBAROUS ACT OF THE ISRAELI MILITARY--TASS HEADING)

(TEXT) DAMASCUS OCTOBER 10 TASS--TASS CORRESPONDENT BORIS URONOV REPORTS: BARBAROUS BOMBING OF DWELLING AREAS IN DAMASCUS BY THE ISRAELI AIRCRAFT HAS STIRRED UP WRATH AND INDIGNATION IN SYRIA.

THE ISRAELI "PHANTOMS" HAVE DROPPED THEIR DEADLY CARGO IN CONFUSION ON THE DENSELY POPULATED DISTRICT OF THE CITY. MOSTLY APARTMENT HOUSES, FOREIGN REPRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLIC OFFICES ARE SITUATED IN THIS PART OF THE CITY.

THE SOVIET CULTURAL CENTRE IN DAMASCUS WAS DESTROYED AS A RESULT OF A DIRECT BOMB HIT. THE "ASH-SHARK" HOSPITAL AND MANY OTHER BUILDINGS HAVE ALSO BEEN HIT BY BOMBS.

THE BLOW WAS DELIVERED AT SUCH A TIME WHEN THE STREETS OF THE CAPITAL WERE CROWDED BY THE PEOPLE. A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF INHABITANTS HAVE BEEN WOUNDED BY GLASS SPLINTERS AND STONES. WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE AMONG VICTIMS OF THIS INHUMAN ACT. THE ISRAELI AIRFORCE HAS DROPPED A NUMBER OF TIME BOMBS, THUS OBSTRUCTING THE WORK OF RESCUE TEAMS AND THREATENING THE LIFE OF PEACEFUL INHABITANTS.

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Tass comments on
bombing of Cultural
Center*